DIGEST

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Carmody

HB No. 503

Abstract: Provides that the Holy Bible shall be the official state book.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the recognition and acknowledgment, by the legislature, of the state motto as found in the state pledge of allegiance: " A state, under God, united in purpose and ideals, confident that justice shall prevail for all of those abiding here."

<u>Proposed law</u> requires that there be an official state book and further requires that the Holy Bible serve as the official state book.

(Adds R.S. 49:170.19)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and</u> <u>Cultural Affairs</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

 Removes provisions that require that the official state book be the Holy Bible, published by Johannes Prevel, (Prevel, Jean, active 1510-1528, printer. & Petit, Jean, fl. 1492-1530.) and instead requires that the Holy Bible be the official state book. Additionally removes provisions that authorize the use of the official state book on official documents of the state.